

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2013
PRIMARY 6
ENGLISH

PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

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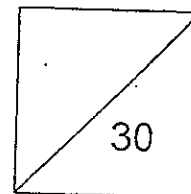
Answer all questions.

Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Study the following advertisement and then answer Questions 1 to 5.

Meet the Sesame Street Characters for Eco Fun!



Go Green at the Clover Mall
1 - 23 June 2013

Sesame Street Live – Meet and Greet the Sesame Street Characters

1 - 7 June, L1 Atrium

Tues – Fri: 7 pm

Sat & Sun: 1pm, 4pm & 7 pm

Get up close with Elmo, Cookie Monster and Grover and snap a picture with them!

(on first-come-first-served basis)

Sesame Street Eco Workshop

1 - 23 June (weekends only) B2 Atrium

Join us in the world of Sesame Street for eco fun!

Participate in our eco workshops to win attractive Sesame Street merchandise!

2 pm: Sesame Street colouring workshop

5 pm: Green Handicraft workshop using recycled materials

Spend and win Sesame Street goodies! 1 - 23 June

- Spend \$30* and redeem \$3 worth of free parking.
- Spend \$50* for a chance to win a pair of tickets to the *Sesame Street Live* stage show – “*Elmo’s Green Thumb*”.
- Spend \$120* and receive an exclusive Sesame Street passport holder.
- Free weekday lunchtime parking (12noon - 2.30pm) except on public holidays

*Maximum of 3 same-day receipts.
Limited to one redemption per person.
Redemption must be made on the same day of purchase.

Go Green with Clover Mall

1 - 23 June, B1 Fountain Square

Pen your eco tips and win attractive shopping vouchers.

Drop your entries into the box at Fountain Square.

We are Singaporeans

22 June (Sat), 3 pm L1 Atrium

How Singaporean are you?

Come meet celebrity Dee Jay and answer questions about Singapore to win a limited edition *We are Singaporeans* card game set.

Organised by:
Clover Mall
(in conjunction with World Environment Day)

For each of the questions from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

- 1 Eco Fun is _____.
- (1) for children only
 - (2) a month-long event
 - (3) an event targeted at senior citizens
 - (4) held in conjunction with World Environment Day
- 2 The mall's offer of free weekday lunchtime parking is likely to be targeted at _____.
- (1) tourists
 - (2) teenagers
 - (3) mall tenants
 - (4) office-workers
- 3 If Lizzy is at the mall on a Sunday between 6 pm and 8 pm, she may be able to _____.
- (1) meet Dee Jay
 - (2) take a picture with Elmo
 - (3) participate in the Green Handicraft workshop
 - (4) take part in the Sesame Street colouring workshop
- 4 To win shopping vouchers between 1 and 23 June, one needs to _____.
- (1) spend a minimum of \$50
 - (2) take part in We are Singaporeans
 - (3) participate in Sesame Street Eco Workshops
 - (4) write and submit eco tips at Fountain Square
- 5 Based on the advertisement, which one of the following is true?
- (1) Each activity takes place from 1 to 23 June.
 - (2) The eco fun and Sesame Street activities take place throughout the day.
 - (3) Shoppers can redeem offers and prizes with receipts accumulated over two days.
 - (4) The event uses Sesame Street characters and an eco theme to attract people to the mall.

For each of the questions from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6 You would have found the clue on the treasure map if you _____ harder.

- (1) look
- (2) looked
- (3) would look
- (4) had looked

7 We would not let Joy and _____ do the Science experiment in the kitchen.

- (1) us
- (2) he
- (3) we
- (4) him

8 The car engine is running _____ there is no one in the car.

- (1) as
- (2) so
- (3) although
- (4) therefore

9 Mrs Woo is among the women who _____ regularly at the old folks' home. She goes there every Monday.

- (1) volunteer
- (2) volunteers
- (3) volunteered
- (4) has volunteered

10 I have _____ gone skiing, but I hope to do so one day.

- (1) never
- (2) rarely
- (3) always
- (4) seldom

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11 We stopped and listened when we heard someone _____ for help.

- (1) cry
- (2) cried
- (3) was crying
- (4) had been crying

12 Our plan to go camping fell _____ because of the rain.

- (1) off
- (2) out
- (3) down
- (4) through

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

The guru sat cross-legged atop a flat slab of rock, his white beard fluttering in the wind. He peered at me with half-open eyes and said (13) You have come."

I was taken aback. "Has he been expecting me (14)" I wondered.

"Y-yes," I stuttered (15) you seem to be able to foresee the future. I have come to seek wisdom and knowledge."

The guru opened his eyes and studied me. He pointed a crooked finger and I looked down the cliff behind me. From where we were, we could see anyone heading our way.

- 13 (1) [.] full stop
 (2) ["] inverted commas
 (3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
 (4) [, "] comma and inverted commas
- 14 (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [?] question mark
 (4) [!] exclamation mark
- 15 (1) [.] full stop
 (2) [,] comma
 (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

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For each of the questions from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 16 One-eyed Jack was a/an _____ pirate who terrorised the seafarers of his time.
- (1) infamous
 - (2) renowned
 - (3) celebrated
 - (4) acclaimed
- 17 The woman spoke _____ about going to Iceland for her dream holiday with a sparkle in her eye.
- (1) morosely
 - (2) agitatedly
 - (3) animatedly
 - (4) nonchalantly
- 18 Models _____ down the catwalk as the music played.
- (1) strutted
 - (2) tramped
 - (3) rambled
 - (4) waddled
- 19 Diseases such as polio have been _____ in many developed countries.
- (1) eradicated
 - (2) devastated
 - (3) demolished
 - (4) exterminated
- 20 "Stop moving, they will see us!" John _____ at Ravi as they hid behind the pillar.
- (1) yelled
 - (2) hissed
 - (3) sneered
 - (4) bellowed

For each of the questions from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

It was dawn when I set off to walk on the cliffs. The clear water in the bay shimmered serenely in the early morning light and cool air nipped my nose. I felt invigorated as I surveyed the sight before me.

(21)

It was spring when I visited the village of Red Cliffs. When friends told me about the tiny village, I had been sceptical at first. I had always avoided far-flung places as I

(22)

dreaded arriving at my destination weary and worn. Nevertheless, I set off for Red

(23)

Cliffs and arrived at dusk and stayed at an inn operated by a genial old man. He had

(24)

suggested that I wake up early to walk on the cliffs..

The village was spotlessly clean and rubbish was discarded in receptacles made

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of local wood which blended in with the surroundings. I returned from my trip to Red Cliffs humbled by the experience.

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| 21 | (1) | elated |
| | (2) | excited |
| | (3) | ecstatic |
| | (4) | energised |
| 22 | (1) | wary |
| | (2) | cautious |
| | (3) | doubtful |
| | (4) | suspicious |
| 23 | (1) | drowsy |
| | (2) | sluggish |
| | (3) | lethargic |
| | (4) | exhausted |
| 24 | (1) | wise |
| | (2) | quiet |
| | (3) | friendly |
| | (4) | humorous |
| 25 | (1) | cast off |
| | (2) | set aside |
| | (3) | disposed of |
| | (4) | dispensed with |

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Read the passage below and answer Questions 26 to 30.

Stuffy Pete took his seat on the third bench from the entrance of Washington Square Park. Every Thanksgiving Day for nine years, he had taken his seat there promptly at one o'clock. Every time he had done so, a wonderful thing had happened to him – something that swelled his heart, as well as his stomach. But today, Stuffy Pete's appearance at the yearly meeting place was the result of habit, rather than of the hunger he usually felt. Certainly Pete was not hungry today. He had just come from a feast that had filled him so; he could barely move or breathe.

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The meal had been an unexpected one. He was passing a red brick mansion in which lived two elderly ladies who believed strongly in tradition. One of their traditional habits was to post a servant outside the house on Thanksgiving Day. They gave him orders to stop the first hungry passer-by who came along after the hour of noon and to invite the person in for a banquet. Stuffy Pete happened to be strolling along on his way to the park. Thus it was that he was treated to a feast.

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Therefore he sat on the park bench and gazed straight ahead, full to the brim. When he turned his head, his eyes bulged with fear. His breath ceased, for the Old Gentleman was coming across the park towards his bench.

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Every Thanksgiving Day for the past nine years, the Old Gentleman had come there and found Pete on that bench, and led him to a restaurant and watched him eat a full meal. That was the Old Gentleman's tradition.

As his benefactor came up, Pete shuddered. He longed to flee but could not bring himself to do so.

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"Good afternoon," said the Old Gentleman. "I am glad you have been well. If you will come with me, my man, I will provide you with a lunch that should be more than satisfactory in every respect."

That was what the Old Gentleman said every time. Every Thanksgiving Day for nine years.

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Stuffy Pete looked helplessly up at the Old Gentleman for a minute. The Old Gentleman's eyes were bright with the pleasure of giving.

"Thank you, sir. I'll go with you, and much obliged. I'm very hungry, sir."

Pete's Thanksgiving appetite was not his own. It belonged to this kindly old gentleman.

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The Old Gentleman led Pete to the restaurant and to the table where the feast had always taken place. There they were recognised by the waiters.

The Old Gentleman sat across the table glowing with pleasure. The waiters heaped the table with holiday food. And Pete, with a sigh that was mistaken for an expression of hunger, raised his knife and fork and began to eat. Full to the utmost when he entered the restaurant, the smell of food had almost caused him to lose his honour as a gentleman. He saw the look of happiness on the Old Gentleman's face – and he had not the heart to see it grow dim.

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An hour later, Pete leaned back, he had finished the food.

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"Thank you kindly, sir," he puffed like a leaky steam pipe. "Thank you kindly for a hearty meal."

Then he rose heavily to his feet with glazed eyes. The Old Gentleman carefully paid the bill. They parted ways as they did each year at the door, the Old Gentleman going south, Stuffy Pete going north.

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Pete turned around the first corner. He stood for a minute, and then fell to the pavement like a sunstricken horse.

When the ambulance came, the ambulance attendants muttered softly about Stuffy Pete's weight as they placed him inside.

Adapted from *Two Thanksgiving Day Gentlemen* by O. Henry

For each of the questions from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

- 26 For nine years, Stuffy Pete took his seat on the bench in Washington Square Park on Thanksgiving Day. On the tenth year, he did it because _____.
- (1) he had always sat there
 - (2) it had become his habit to do so
 - (3) he was waiting for a Thanksgiving Day treat
 - (4) every time he sat there, a wonderful thing would happen to him
- 27 Stuffy Pete had an unexpected feast because _____.
- (1) it was Thanksgiving Day
 - (2) two elderly ladies believed strongly in tradition
 - (3) he walked past the red brick mansion at the right time.
 - (4) a servant had been instructed to invite the first passer-by he saw
- 28 Stuffy Pete was filled with fear when he saw the Old Gentleman because _____.
- (1) the old man was his benefactor
 - (2) the old man was a fearsome man.
 - (3) he was too full to eat another meal
 - (4) he was tired of following the tradition for nine years
- 29 Stuffy Pete said, "I'm very hungry, sir." (line 29) because he was _____.
- (1) greedy
 - (2) dishonest
 - (3) hungry and could eat more food
 - (4) sensitive to the Old Gentleman's feelings.
- 30 Based on the passage, which of the following is true?
- (1) The Old Gentleman liked to watch others eat.
 - (2) Stuffy Pete collapsed because he was too greedy for his own good.
 - (3) The Old Gentleman was unaware that Stuffy Pete was stuffing himself for his sake.
 - (4) Stuffy Pete ate so much food that day because he usually did not have enough to eat.



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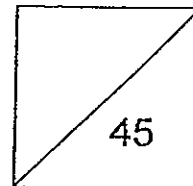
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) an	(G) during	(K) in	(N) to
(B) after	(E) at	(H) for	(L) these	(P) who
(C) against	(F) before	(J) from	(M) this	(Q) whom

In the history of medicine, penicillin has probably saved more lives than any other drug. Alexander Fleming was the man who first brought penicillin _____ (31) world recognition. He was a Scottish farm boy _____ at the age of thirteen was sent to London to live with his brother. _____ a series of unsatisfying jobs, (32) Alexander was encouraged to study medicine. (33)

He was a great scholar as well as _____ accomplished sportsman. (34)

_____ World War 1, he served as a medical officer with the British army. (35)

When he returned to civilian life, he began to study bacteria _____ St Mary's hospital. Most of the scientists would not keep the dishes _____ which they (36) (37)

grew their samples, but Alexander often saved all the bacteria that he had grown

_____ long periods. It was _____ particular habit of his that led to an exciting discovery. (38) (39)

One day, he found green mould growing on one of his samples and that all the bacteria around the edge of the mould were dying. He then concluded that the mould had worked effectively _____ many of his disease-causing bacteria. The (40) mould was identified as *Penicillium Notatum* and he named the chemical it produced 'Penicillin'.

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.
(10 marks)

The atmosphere that surrounds the Earth is a thin layer of gases. It protects
(41) (42)
us from blocking out much of the sun's harmful rays but allowing enough warm to be trapped
so we do not freeze to death. This is called the greenhouse effect.

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Without it, the Earth would be too cold to susstane life. The world's ecosystems are
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finely balanced, and even a small change in temperature can cause axtinktion of a
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species. Natural climate changes have okurred over many years and most animals and
plants have been able to adapt slowly.

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Humans began altering the anvirowment and climate after the invention of machinery
(47) (48)
to make their lives easy. Machines need fossil fuels and the gases emeted from burning
(49) (50)
this fuels affect the Earth's atmosphere. Industrialisation also meant the remove of millions
of trees when land was cleared for farming.

Fewer trees means that more carbon dioxide builds up and causes greater heating of
the Earth.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

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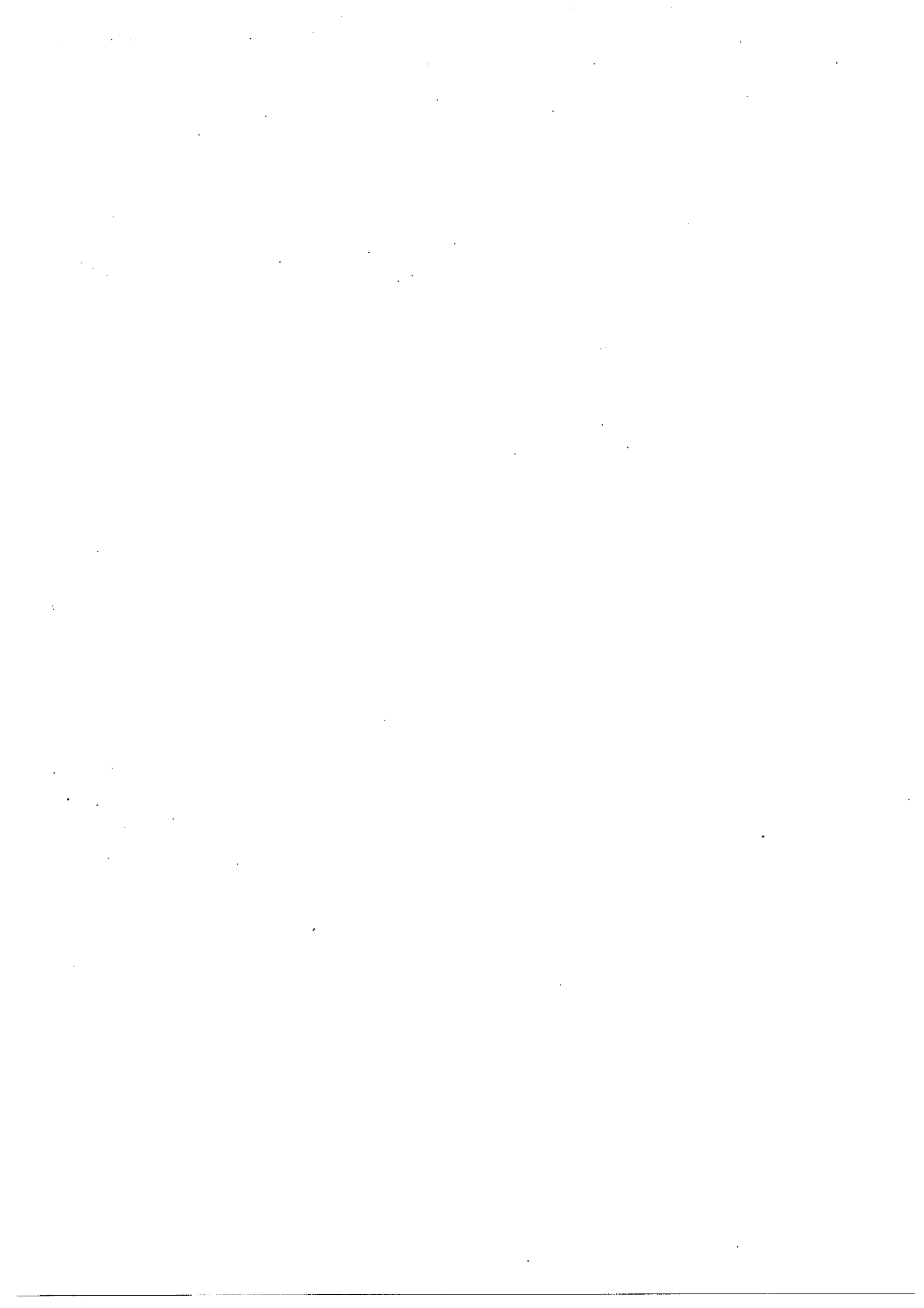
The best-known pyramid in Egypt is the great pyramid of Giza, which was built by King Khufu to house his body. It has been classified _____ one of the (51) Seven Wonders of the World. It used approximately 2 300 000 building blocks and _____ the workers 20 years to build. The architects of the Egyptian pyramids (52) displayed _____ amazing understanding of Mathematics. The orientations (53) and angles, both _____ and outside, show that they must have had (54) measuring tools of great accuracy . Blocks of granite, often _____ (55) up to 70 tonnes each, were cut to exact dimensions and lifted to great _____ (56) Ancient Egyptians _____ that when their pharaoh died, he became (57) King of the dead, and if his _____ was not cared for properly, he would not be (58) able to carry _____ his duties in the afterlife. Consequently, the body was (59) _____ by mummifying it, and all daily needs and wealth were left with the (60) corpse in the tomb.

Part of the pharaoh's spirit was believed to remain with the body and so a massive tomb was _____ to house the mummy. The most famous of these (61) _____ were the pyramids, which are believed to have been modelled on a (62) sacred stone that symbolised the rays of the sun.

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Some of the builders were permanent workers of the pharaoh, but many were local farmers _____ worked on the tombs only in the rainy season when _____ fields were flooded. The pyramids were built from massive blocks of stone that were dragged across the desert from the quarries. During the rainy season, the blocks could be _____ down the swollen rivers on barges.

Inside each pyramid was a complex system of passageways and the entrance to the burial chamber was sealed with a huge stone.



For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 The mother tried to pacify her baby but her baby son cried louder and louder.

The more _____

67 I assured my mother that I was feeling better. She was still worried.

Despite _____

68 Mr Tan donates a large sum of money to the hospital annually. He is kind and generous.

_____ out of

69 The burglar took the money and jewellery from the safe. The alarm rang.

No sooner _____

70 The class was very noisy as the teacher was unable to manage the boisterous boys.

Due to _____

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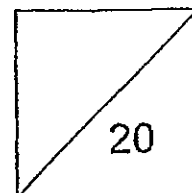
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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

The Chinese officer commanding the platoon looked back at the section of men straggling along behind him. His wandering thoughts suddenly came to a standstill. A noise! An odd noise! A plane? His men thought so too; he watched them thumb back their helmets and roll their eyes round the cloudless sky in an effort to locate it.

There had been an unusual lack of air activity up and down the Yellow River for the past week. Usually the Japanese planes patrolled and fired at anything that moved. And yet this sounded almost like singing. Faint and far-away, high and monotonous, the singing of many children? He shook his head as though to clear it. The river at this point was a mile wide; there might be children left in the village on the other side of the river. But would their voices carry this far? 5

He mounted a slight rise in the bank, crawling carefully to the top. He raised himself to see better, and was astonished at the sight before him. He reached for his binoculars and focused. A great crowd of children were assembled on the bank, all seated in a circle and singing loudly. Some smaller ones were splashing and jumping in the waters. 10

He motioned his men back with a hand signal. "Wait here," he said.

Who were these children? Most of his countrymen had fled before the Japanese came. They had left this area days ago and the river was officially closed. As he walked along the bank, he could see they were Chinese children. They saw him, and raced towards him, gurgling and shouting with jubilation. 15

The young officer noticed a small woman sitting on the ground. She was thin and hungry-looking. She got to her feet as he approached, and was surprised when he realised that she was a foreigner.

"Are you mad?" he said. "Who are you?"

"We are refugees trying to reach Xi-an," she said simply. Her Chinese was excellent. Although she was small like his own country-women, and had hair dark, he knew she was a foreigner. 20

"This will soon be a battlefield. Don't you realise that?" he asked.

"All China is a battlefield," she said wearily. "We are trying to cross the river," she added. 25

He looked at her directly. She was quite a young woman. Her dark hair was scraped back into a bun, her clothes old and soiled; there were dark circles under her eyes and her face had a sallow, unhealthy look.

"I think I can get you a boat. It will need three journeys to take you all across and it is dangerous. If a Japanese plane comes over when you are halfway across, there will be little hope." 30

The officer walked to the river edge, inserted his fingers in his mouth and whistled loudly. Two little figures far away on the other bank pushed a boat into the water and began to row across. With shouts of glee, the children filled the boat. The soldiers ferried them rapidly to the other side. They returned and more children piled in. On the third journey, the soldier helped the foreign woman into the boat with the last group 35

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of children. "I cannot thank you enough," she said. "I thought it was the end when we couldn't cross the river."

As the boat moved away from the bank, the officer called his men to attention and gravely saluted. He called, "Good luck, foreigner!" He turned to walk back along the bank to his platoon. As he walked, he **looked into the sky and listened**. He was curious about that foreigner. If this had been close to a large city, he could have understood it, but wandering across a battlefield escorting an army of ragged Chinese children; that was, indeed, very curious.

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Adapted from *The Small Woman* by Alan Burgess

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

- 71 Quote the four-word phrase in paragraph 2 which suggests that the Japanese planes had not been flying around the Yellow River recently.

- 72 What does "this" in line 7 refer to?

- 73 In line 12, the Chinese officer "was astonished at the sight before him". What was he astonished about?

- 74 Explain clearly how we know the children were happy to see the Chinese officer.

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75 In line 24, why did the officer think the foreign woman was mad?

76 From paragraph 8, give two ways in which the foreign woman also seemed Chinese.

77 With reference to lines 31 to 33, how do we know that the foreign woman had suffered hardships?

78 Was it dangerous to cross the river? Why?

79 Why do you think the officer called his men to attention and saluted the small woman?

80 The officer "looked into the sky and listened" (line 46) as he walked back to his platoon. Why did he do that?



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46)environment 47)easier 48)emitted 49)these 50)removal

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56)weights 57)believed 58)body 59)out 60)preserved

61)built 62)tombs 63)who 64)the 65)carried

66)The more the mother tired to pacify her baby son, the louder he cried.

67)Despite assuring my mother that I was feeling better, she was still worried.

68)Mr Tan donates a large sum of money to the hospital annually out of his kindness and generosity.

69)No sooner had the burglar taken the money and jewellery from the safe than the alarm rang.

70)Due to the fact that the teacher was unable to manage the boisterous boys, the class was very noisy.

71)The phrase is "lack of air activity".

72)It refers to the odd noise that the officer and the solders heard.

73)He was astonished that there was a large number of children who were sitting in a circle on the bank and were all singing loudly. Further more, there were also some children playing the Yellow River.

74)When they saw the Chinese officer, they ran towards him and were all rejoicing happily upon the arrival of the Chinese officer.

75)He thought it was dangerous for her to be at the rive at that time as, it would be a battlefield soon.

76)She was small in size like the officer's own country-women and had dark hair.

77)The foreign women's clothes were old and dirty, there were dark circles under her eye, her face had sallow look and did not look healthy at all.

78)If a Japanese plane flew over to the officer's country it would fire at anything that moved and the children might be killed in the process.

79)He respected the foreign women for her bravery.

80)He wanted to check for Japanese plants.